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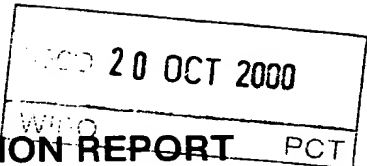
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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International application No. PCT/GB99/02160	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/07/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 15/07/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G01N11/16		
Applicant HYDRAMOTION LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/GB99/02160

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

Description, pages:

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 4, 8 - 10
	No:	Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 7
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1 - 10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1 - 10
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-0 282 251

D2: WO-A-91 17423

2. Claim 1

D1, which is considered as the closest prior art, discloses a sensor comprising a mechanical resonator (10, Fig. 1, D1) including an element (12, 14, Fig. 1, D1) of which the stiffness (e.g. the reactance caused by the pressure of the fluid surrounding the tines 12, 14) at least partially determines a modal shape (e.g. the frequency) of the resonance of the resonator (see column 3, lines 43 - 50, D1) and means (20, column 3, lines 20 - 27, D1) for measuring a variation of a measure of the resonance as the stiffness of said element changes (due to the fluid pressure).

Thus the subject matter of present claim 1 is not new (Article 33(2) PCT).

3. Claim 6

D2 discloses a method of sensing comprising measuring variation of frequency (see page 9, lines 5 - 11, D2) of a part of a resonator (15, Fig. 1, D2) as a result of a change in modal shape of the resonator caused by a change in stiffness (due to changes in the metallic surface layer of the crystal 15, Fig. 1, D2).

Thus the subject matter of claim 6 is not new (Article 33(2) PCT).

4. Dependent claims 2 - 5 and 7 - 10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, the reasons being as follows:

The features of claims 2, 3, 5, 8 - 10 are known from D1, the features of claims 4,

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7 are known from D2.

5. It is noted that the independent claims are so broadly formulated that they do not seem to be new in view of also the other search documents.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

For the sake of completeness, it is mentioned that the requirements of Rule 5.1 (a)(ii) PCT (identification of D1 and D2) and Rule 6.3(b) PCT (correct two part form of claims 1 and 6) are not met.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Method claims 7 - 10 are not dependant to the independent method claim 6 (but rather to apparatus claim 5). Such dependance is not clear (Article 6 PCT).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/GB 99/ 02160	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/07/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 15/07/1998
Applicant HYDRAMOTION LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 9

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

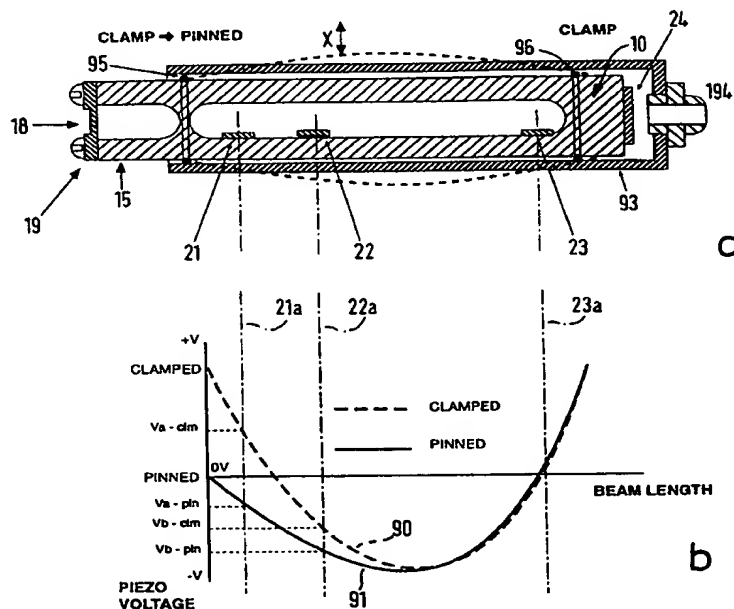
☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.



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(54) Title: DIAGNOSTIC SENSOR**(57) Abstract**

A sensor of force or viscosity or other attributes of a fluid comprises a mechanical resonator (10) including an element (11; 18; 123) of which the stiffness at least partially determines a modal shape of the resonance of the resonator and means (21-23) for measuring a variation of a measure of the resonance as the stiffness of said element changes. The resonator (10) may comprise two beams (10a, 10b; 120, 121) connected at or near one end by a yoke (12; 122) which provides a clamped condition of the resonator at said one end and connected at or near another end by said element.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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